

AGENDA



Thursday, December 13, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 50

Subject: Authorize award and execution of two contracts through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with: PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD, Nederland, TX, for the purchase of 78 light duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$1,835,318.48; and PLANET DODGE, Humble, TX, for the purchase of 46 light duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$883,010.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,044,138.93 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$67,893.88 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Aviation Department. Funding in the amount of \$21,987.50 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center. Funding in the amount of \$23,954 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$68,974.11 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Public Safety & Emergency Management Department. Funding in the amount of \$479,995.20 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Energy Department. Funding in the amount of \$266,028.20 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$253,557.36 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$130,324.40 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. Funding in the amount of \$361,474.90 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal notes are attached.

For More Information: Ron Mazarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Austin Water Utility-related vehicle purchases are recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

These contracts are for the purchase of 40 new and 84 replacement light duty vehicles to be distributed among various departments as detailed below. Austin Energy's Climate Protection team and Fleet have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. This criteria is applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

Three of these vehicles are powered by gasoline (which will be converted to propane when delivered). Sixty-five are powered by E85 flex fuel. Thirty-three are powered by hybrid technology. Twenty-three are powered by bio diesel.

Included in this purchase are the following light duty vehicles:

AUSTIN ENERGY:

1 Ford F150 Pickup, 4x2 - Replacement
5 Ford E350 Cargo Vans - Replacement
1 Ford E350 Passenger Van - New
1 Toyota Prius Hybrid - New
3 Ford Escape Hybrid Utility Vehicles, 4x2 - 1 New, 2 Replacement
1 Dodge 3500 Pickup, 4x2 - Replacement
9 Dodge Dakota Pickups, 4x2 - Replacement

AVIATION DEPARTMENT:

1 Ford Escape Hybrid Utility Vehicle, 4x2 - Replacement
1 Ford Escape Hybrid Utility Vehicle, 4x4 - Replacement
1 Dodge Dakota Pickup, 4x2 - Replacement

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT :

10 Dodge Dakota Pickups, 4x2 – New
5 Ford F150 Pickup, 4x2, - 4 New, 1 Replacement

AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER:

1 Toyota Prius Hybrid - Replacement

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

1 Ford Escape Hybrid Utility Vehicle, 4x2 - New
2 Ford E350 Cargo Vans - Replacement

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

6 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Sedans - Replacement

FINANCIAL and ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

3 Ford E350 Cargo Vans - Replacement
4 Ford E350 Passenger Vans - Replacement
1 Dodge 3500 Pickup, 4x2 - Replacement

AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

2 Ford Escape Hybrid Utility Vehicles, 4x2 - Replacement
1 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Sedan - Replacement
2 Dodge 2500 Pickups, 4x2 - Replacement

HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

1 Ford F150 Pickup, 4x2, - Replacement
1 Ford E350 Cargo Van - Replacement

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT:

1 Ford E250 Cargo Van - Replacement

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

8 Ford F150 Pickups, 4x2, - Replacement
2 Ford E350 Cargo Van - Replacement
1 Toyota Prius Hybrid - Replacement

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE:

1 Ford Escape Hybrid Utility Vehicle, 4x2 - Replacement

SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

4 Ford F150 Pickup, 4x2, - Replacement
2 Toyota Prius Hybrids - New
1 Ford Escape Hybrid Utility Vehicle, 4x2 - Replacement
7 Dodge Dakota Pickups, 4x2 - 5 New, 2 Replacement

WATERSHED PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT:

5 Ford Escape Hybrid Utility Vehicles, 4x4 - 4 New, 1 Replacement

13 Dodge Dakota Pickups, 4x2 - Replacement

AUSTIN WATER UTILITY:

3 Toyota Prius Hybrids - New

5 Ford Escape Hybrid Utility Vehicles, 4x2 - New

5 Ford Escape Hybrid Utility Vehicles, 4x4 - 1 New, 4 Replacement

2 Dodge Dakota Pickups, 4x2 - New

This contract includes the purchase of 124 light duty vehicles for a total dollar amount of \$2,718,328.48. The vehicles in this RCA have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors and Assistant City Managers (ACMs). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.

Departments review the list of vehicles determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses are determined within the departments, and the departments' proposed vehicles are reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicles are appropriate for the use.

All 84 replacement vehicles have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each vehicle proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. The 40 new vehicles were also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

Philpott Motors and Planet Dodge are under contract with BuyBoard to supply various types of vehicles statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing BuyBoard contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to get the City's equipment on order.